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FAIRFIELD

Town Meeting—Subjects for Consideration—Father Coleman—Dr. Child—Roosevelt and Taft—The Tramp Question—How to Solve It.

The selectmen have issued a warning for a town meeting to be held at the Town hall next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to lay a tax for the current expenses of the town; to authorize the selectmen to borrow money; to consider the proposition to rebate the taxes laid against the Bridgeport Fresh Air Fund; to widen the highway from the residence of Mr. George Reinecke in Southport; to provide fire escapes for the school buildings of the town; to consider the claim made by Mrs. Charles G. Sherwood for damages against the town by reason of the drowning of her husband last fall when he drove into a hole while crossing a river; to decide about widening Nichols Terrace, so called, and to authorize, if consent is given, the widening of Main street from Flint's corner to Saco's Hill. This street is a continuation of what should be called Fairfield avenue, and runs in a westerly direction from Broad street, past the premises of Miss Kippen, and so on, ending at the new house built by Mr. James Cummings, and many other houses. The claim is that the street is too narrow, at least the roadway, and the hope is that the town will authorize the selectmen to widen it.

Those who thought Father Coleman would remain quiet about the boxing match which was recently pulled off in Perry's hall, were both mistaken and somewhat surprised when on Sunday, at both masses, he denounced the exhibition in strong terms. He thought it a pity that such a thing could occur in town during Lent, and said that considering the many liberties the Holy Father has granted to the people during Lent, they ought to be willing to thank him by observing the season. In justice to the center of Fairfield it may be said that the opinion of those who attended the "smoker" were from Southport, while a large bunch of sporting men came over from Bridgeport.

On Sunday last Mr. Benjamin Bulkley of Greenfield Hill was operated upon at his home for a sudden attack of appendicitis. Dr. V. B. Dunham, missionary work, and directed the attention of his audience to the problem which confronts the people of the United States. He was of the opinion that there is a plenty of missionary work to be done at home, and there are many who agree with him.

Miss Margaret Wilson, who is in Los Angeles for the winter, thinks there is no place like it. She writes home to dreary Southport, full of enthusiasm.

It is said a number of maiden ladies from Southport went to Bridgeport last Saturday to see a play called "The Bachelor."

Even if Tyson brothers should resume their business in Bridgeport, that would not prevent them from residing in Southport, as heretofore.

This evening at the Pequot Library there will be a lecture on the "Care of Trees." Mr. C. F. Whitaker of Boston is to be the speaker.

A large number of ladies met in the Memorial library lecture hall yesterday to listen to another address on Current Topics, by Mrs. Mitchell of Westport. She began by saying that she had observed that many pictures represented angels as nothing but heads and wings, as though it were desirable to get rid of a trunk and limbs, especially when walking is difficult or one has the rheumatism. The prospect is wingless angels will soon be invented. Referring to the change in the administration she said it was a good form to speed the parting guest and she proposed before the discourse ended to speak of many of Mr. Roosevelt's splendid achievements. Pictures of Roosevelt and Taft, standing side by side, were exhibited to the audience. She said Taft seemed to be more secure on his feet, ready for whatever it was he was not going after. Roosevelt never was easy on

his feet; he was a man of splendid action and nerve power; he was always on tip toe. She alluded to the dramatic character of his going, saying his seclusion in Africa was almost like a comet which passes through the sky. The term "X" can never be applied to him unless it represents an unknown quantity. This by way of introduction of Mr. Roosevelt, who was left standing on the platform so to speak, while Mrs. Mitchell told the assembled multitude about the experiment of colonies for tramps.

She said that the small towns feel the tramp nuisance more than the large cities. The question of what to do with them is a great one, getting to be national. There are now 500,000 of them going up and down the land committing all sorts of depredations, and something must be done looking to a solution of the nuisance. Charity organizations have given up the job and even the churches have abandoned it. It is estimated that the railroads of the land suffer from losses occasioned by the tramps to the amount of 5 million of dollars annually. Many of these gentry are young men, and it is now proposed, in the state of New York, to found "tramp colonies." The idea is not a new one. The experiment has been tried in Holland and Belgium. The state will be asked to make an appropriation of \$750,000 with which to buy waste land and erect buildings. The land is to be reclaimed, and the men are to be taught agriculture. This will also be a place where offenders against railroad laws can be sent. Magistrates will send them there rather than commit them to prison. The men are to be paid for their labor, and there will be no punishment except the imposing of a fine. In the colony established in Holland there is no attempt made to reform the men. In Belgium it has been found that the tramps can do all kinds of work—most of them have a trade. Some are draughtsmen, some are sculptors, and there are dry men, etc. But in an American colony, these things cannot be done because of the trades unions. In the tramp colonies in Switzerland, each man has a room to himself which he is allowed to decorate and furnish as he will to make himself comfortable and enjoy pleasant surroundings. In Belgium the colonies are under military supervision, and the hopelessly bad are sent to the penitentiary. These colonies in Europe more than pay expenses. Reformed men are allowed to have their families, and small houses by themselves with a bit of land. In New York City it is estimated that the poor cost the town \$2,000,000 annually.

At this point Mrs. Mitchell asked the ladies what they thought of the request that Mrs. Taft exclude wine from the White House dinners? It seems she has been asked to do this. One lady replied that she admired the courage of Mrs. Hayes in taking the stand she did on this question. Mrs. Mitchell remarked that the President's family is in the lime light and any example it might set has a wide reach. Besides, some people think it is no longer a private family.

SONGS OF THE STUARTS

The Songs of the Stuarts and the Georges will be presented by Miss Mary Orden White, (member of the Rymour's club, Edinburgh) and Miss Esther White, (member of the English Yolk Song Society, London), at the Stratfield Wednesday next at 8:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Wednesday Afternoon Musical Club. Following is the program:

A Song of James V. of Scotland: The Beggar Man.
The Ballad of Queen Mary's Ladies: The Four Maries.
A Toast to Charles II: My Lodging Is in the Cold Ground.
Mrs. Knipp's Song of Barbara Allen.
The Carrion Crow: A Nursery Song of Charles I.
Twenty Gills: An Anvil Song of the Jacobites from Sussex.
Anti-Jacobite Songs: The Bonnie Bunch of Roses; Lilliburlero Bullen a la.
A Political Satir: The Victor of Bray Lyrics: As I Walkt Forth One Summer's Day. R. Johnson: The Cupid's Quarrel, Robert Herrick: Gather Ye Rosebuds, Robert Herrick.
Mr. Willis Ailing will be at the piano.

POMONA GRANGE

Fairfield County Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting at Masonic hall, Bridgeport, tomorrow, beginning at 10 a. m. The fifth degree will be conferred at the morning session. Refreshments will be served at noon and an interesting program will be rendered in the afternoon. State Master Healy and Past Master Ladd of Massachusetts will be present.

FIRST BATTLE FOR RECALL OF AMERICAN MAYOR

Los Angeles to Vote March 26 on Ousting of A. C. Harper—Action Arose Over Appointment of Doubtful Virtue to Board.

Municipal League Heads the Movement—Petition of 15 Per Cent of Voters Secured—Rival Candidate Nominated.

Los Angeles, March 3.—Los Angeles is to give a practical illustration of the recall March 26, when an election will be held to determine whether Mayor A. C. Harper shall surrender the office to which he was elected for a term of three years, and which will expire Jan. 1, 1910.

Once before the recall has been invoked in Los Angeles under the provisions of the city charter, when a member of the City Council was compelled to surrender his office six years ago. This is the first time the recall ever has been invoked in an American city against the chief executive.

The campaign has just opened and the greatest interest is felt in the result among all classes.

The recall movement against Mayor Harper culminated about two months ago when he appointed Chief of Police Ed. Kern a member of the Board of Public Works. This Board, under the charter, has charge of all public works, including the great Owens River Aqueduct, now in course of construction which will cost \$2,000,000.

Kern was formerly a member of the City Council and voted to give away a franchise in the river bed said to be worth \$1,000,000. He is prominent in Democratic politics and has been mentioned frequently as a candidate for mayor.

Immediately the Municipal League, a civic organization numbering 500 of the leading business and professional men of the city, took the initiative in starting the recall movement.

Under the Los Angeles plan, it is necessary to secure a petition signed by fifteen per cent. of the vote at the last municipal election to recall a city officer. The Municipal League provided the funds and started the circulation of the petition.

On the filing of a sufficient petition it is mandatory upon the City Council to call an election not less than thirty days nor more than forty days after the filing and verification of such petition.

The necessary signatures were secured in two weeks and the petition filed with the clerk, after verification by the city clerk, and the election was called for March 26.

The Municipal League then called a meeting of citizens to name a candidate against Mayor Harper, and George Alexander, a former member of the Board of Supervisors, was selected.

The next step in the proceedings was to circulate a petition to place Mr. Alexander in nomination. This petition requires but three per cent. of the vote cast at the last election. This formality was soon complied with and the issues are fairly joined.

WILL FOSTER HOLD OVER?

(Hartford Courant.)

The Bridgeport fight, when it gets along, will be a deal more interesting than the Manchester affair. Even on such a stormy day as last Thursday many Bridgeport men went to the Capitol awaiting the result of the judicial committee's deliberations on the matter which resulted in a vote of 6 to 4 in favor of Hull against Judge Foster. It is said that one member who did not vote was Senator Lathrop, but apparently if he had voted for Judge Foster there would still have remained a majority in favor of Mr. Hull. It does not look now as if a resolution appointing either man would pass without debate and it is further interesting to remember that if disagreeing action between the two houses can be secured Judge Foster will hold over.

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